

Greetings for February



***President's
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It is still January as I write this, but we had our February meeting already because we moved the regular meeting up a week. This is not unusual, but for some reason it felt more awkward this month. Maybe because we had a short agenda and some of our members were off to warmer climates.

A big thank you goes out to Tauna, Doug, Doris and Cindy for their efforts for the Winter Party. We had a good time and great food at Vito's. Most of the gifts in the "white elephant exchange" were tasteful and well received; only a few were not likely to be "stolen".

We approved the 2018 budget at the last meeting. We also had a request from our social director for volunteers to step up to host an event on the calendar. We are looking for hosts for runs so if you have an idea for an interesting place to go, let Barb Jackson or me know. We also need hosts for the progressive dinner that we moved to June 23 this year.

Ken and Cindy Starzyk are hosting the Bowling Party on February 17th. Gene and Karin Alfors are hosting the Wine Tasting Party on March 17th. Details for both are on the Web site. Remember to sign up if you have not already done so.

In my last article I mentioned Marvin from the Rod Hawks car club from my high school days. One summer weekend he was driving his Plymouth with a car load of fellow club members on the way to Cordova drag strip. We were excited to go watch Dick, another club member, that had a dedicated drag strip car. Dick was expecting to race against the famous "Lil Screamer" B altered 1934 Ford coup. The "Lil Screamer" was famous and had been in several car magazines and had won a lot of races.

It was a several hour drive from Marengo, Iowa to Cordova and, of course, in the mid 60's it was all two lane highway. Shortly into the trip Marvin came up behind a Studebaker Avanti. Passing it seemed like the most logical thing to do. That was the beginning of the excitement. We made the pass successfully, but that was just an invitation for the Avanti to pass us in return. The Avanti had no trouble pulling away and we gave up the chase after a short blast to try to keep up. The Avanti must have slowed to a more reasonable pace because we caught up with him again and Marvin again tried to pass. The Avanti did not even let us make it around before he left us in the dust again.

This cycle repeated a few times before we lost track of the Avanti in traffic. I think that was my first experience with seeing a car that was well suited for speed in factory built condition. The Corvettes we all love are such a great example of the same thing. It is not very often that we get to exercise the capability of our cars, but it is nice to know that the capability is there.

By the way, Dick did get to race the "Lil Screamer" but it was not too much of a contest as I remember it.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club, please let me know.

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